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SUBJECT: IAEA TRAINING COURSES IN U.S. IN 1975

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1. MISSION HAS INFORMED AGENCY OF 'S. INTEREST IN HOSTING TWO-THREE TRAINING COURSES IN 1975 PER REF A, STRESSING, HOWEVER, THAT AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS WILL BE KEY FACTOR IN EVENTUALLY DETERMINING HOW MANY U.S. IS PREPARED TO HOST.

2. MISSION AGREES THAT FIRST PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO REGULATORY COURSE, AND WE ALSO SEE CONSIDERABLE MERIT IN OTHER COURSES LISTED. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING PROPOSED REGULATORY COURSE WITH AGENCY ON URGENT BASIS PER REF B.

3. AS NOTED REF C, MISSION IS CONCERNED RE FUNDING SITUATION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS-IN-KIND FOR 1975, IN LIGHT OF EXPECTED INCREASE IN TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO GENERAL FUND. AS WE SEE IT, A REDUCTION OF IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS IS UNAVOIDABLE, BARRING SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE FROM CY 1974 IN TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS

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AVAILABLE. ONLY QUESTION IS EXTENT OF SUCH REDUCTION.

4. IN SPECIFIC TERMS, ASSUMING 1975 TARGET INCREASE TO DOLS 4 MILLION (SEVERAL LDC'S HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR DOLS 6 MILLION), AND ASSUMING U.S. CONTINUES TO PLEDGE CASH CONTRIBUTION AT OUR BASE RATE OF ASSESSMENT, REDUCTION OF FUNDS FOR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CY 1974 LEVEL WOULD LIKELY BE ON ORDER OF \$170,000 TO \$200,000, DEPENDING ON U.S. BASE RATE OF ASSESSMENT. WITH TARGET AT \$4.5 MILLION LEVEL, THIS REDUCTION WOULD BE IN RANGE OF \$300,000 TO \$400,000.

5. NEXT QUESTION IS, WHAT "IN-KIND" ACTIVITIES WILL ABSORB THIS REDUCTION? FELLOWSHIPS? EQUIPMENT GRANTS? COST-FREE EXPERTS? TRAINING COURSES?

6. AS FORESEEN IN OUR EARLIER MESSAGES RE AGENCY'S EXPANDED PROGRAM RE DEVELOPMENT SAFETY AND RELIABILITY GUIDELINES AND OTHER ASPECTS RE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER, IT IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT AGENCY WILL NEED MORE AND NOT RPT NOT LESS U.S. COST-FREE EXPERTS THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS (SEE IAEA VIENNA 2122). UNLESS SOME OTHER WAY CAN BE FOUND TO PROVIDE THEM, THEREFORE, IT IS LIKELY THAT AMOUNT OF 1975 IN-KIND FUNDS FOR COST-FREE EXPERTS WILL HAVE TO BE INCREASED RATHER THAN REDUCED. THIS SIMPLY AGGRAVATES PROBLEM, SINCE SUBSTANTIAL CUTS WOULD, AS CONSEQUENCE, HAVE TO BE MADE IN OTHER IN-KIND COMPONENTS, I.E., FELLOWSHIPS, EQUIPMENT GRANTS OR TRAINING COURSES.

7. MISSION BELIEVES PERSUASIVE CASE CAN ALSO BE MADE FOR INCREASING RATHER THAN REDUCING THESE OTHER IN-KIND COMPONENTS AS WELL. THUS, WE SEEM TO BE HEADED TOWARD SERIOUS DILEMMA, AND, IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NOT RPT NOT EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR CY 1975, WE BELIEVE THIS ONLY EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE OF OUR SUGGESTION PARA 5 REF C, THAT AEC/DEPT REVIEW VARIOUS PRIORITIES FROM WASHINGTON'S STANDPOINT FOR DISTRIBUTION OF U.S. IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS TO AGENCY IN 1975, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT PROPOSALS ALREADY MADE REF A FOR TRAINING COURSES TO BE HELD IN U.S. NEXT YEAR. PORTER
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